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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20544

re: GN Docket No. 14-28

Dear Secretary Dortch:

I am writing to you today as CEO of a small business, Montana Internet Corporation. We are operating as a wireless Internet Service Provider (WISP). We have been providing Internet services to rural areas of Montana since 1994 when there was no other option for Internet service. Much of our market area is not served by any other Internet providers such as the phone or cable companies. In our twenty years in business we have grown from a single employee to providing employment to as many as twenty Montana citizens. We have been delivering Internet to customers using unlicensed spectrum since 1997, and in that time we have managed to build a network and a business without ever receiving any universal service support.

During our time serving customers, it has been our earnest endeavor to operate within all the rules and regulations of the FCC including the Open Internet rules that were adopted in 2010. We strongly believe in an open Internet in which lawful content is not blocked or prioritized. We do not receive any payment for prioritizing any content provider's traffic.

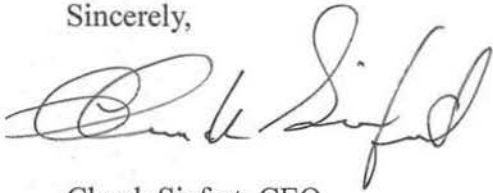
We strongly feel that the open Internet rules adopted in 2010 are adequate to ensure an open Internet for innovation. We don't think that the FCC should paint all Internet providers with the same brush:

- Small broadband providers have not been shown to be “bad actors” in terms of open Internet principles and network management.
- Small broadband providers simply don't have the resources to comply with new disclosure and reporting requirements.
- Increasing regulatory obligations will increase our costs, and we will be forced to pass those through to customers that, in many cases, are least equipped to pay the additional costs. This, in effect, will reduce the availability of broadband Internet in rural America.

Title II is a frightening proposition that will cause uncertainty that will inhibit new investment and discourage new entry. It will undoubtedly lead to litigation and discourage new deployments which flies in the face of Section 706.

We request that we receive exemptions from any new disclosure and reporting obligations for small businesses. In the event the FCC were to adopt Title II, small businesses should be exempt from all Title II regulations, however we feel that it would be best if the FCC would wait to adopt new rules to allow time to address the small business issue and provide time for Congress to act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chuck Siefert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chuck" and last name "Siefert" clearly distinguishable.

Chuck Siefert, CEO
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